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SUBJ: KOREA AT USUN

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1. POL COUNSELOR HAS HAD USEFUL TALKS HERE ON KOREAN
UNGA ISSUE WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (EAST ASIA)
SALIMUZ ZAMAN AND ROK CONSUL GENERAL YOUNGHUN HAHM.

2. ZAMAN HAS TAKEN PARTICULAR INTEREST IN KOREAN
AFFAIRS FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO PYONGYANG
WITH ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ IN APRIL
AND IS WELL INFORMED ON ISSUES INVOLVED. HE SAID HE
APPRECIATED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE US GOVERNMENT ATTACHES
TO KOREAN ISSUE AND PROMISED TO CONVEY TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY POINTS MADE TO HIM BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR,
WHO DREW ON DEPARTMENT REFTTEL, PARAS 4A AND 4B, IN
MAKING PRESENTATION.

3. ZAMAN ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RESPONSE FROM
OTHER SIDE FOLLOWING US/ROK INITIATIVE, SPECIFICALLY
WHETHER OTHER SIDE HAD SOUGHT CONTACT IN ORDER TO WORKD
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OUT ALTERNATIVE ARMISTRICE ARRANGEMENTS. POLITICAL COUN-

SELOR SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY SUCH RESPONSE AND DOUBTED THAT ANY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, GIVEN EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT OTHER SIDE DESIRES CONFRONTATION. ZAMAN ALSO ASKED ABOUT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AT UNGA: IF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS CONSIDERED FIRST AND IS PASSED, WHAT THEN HAPPENS TO UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION. POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID HE WOULD FIND OUT.

4. ZAMAN DID NOT FORECAST EVENTUAL GOP POSITION AT THIS EARLY STAGE. HE OBSERVED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT OTHER SIDE WOULD REJECT PROPOSAL THAT ROK (AS WELL AS US) MILITARY OFFICERS BE DESIGNATED SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND TO UNC TO ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED WHY IT WAS THAT ROK, THOUGH NOT AN ARMISTICE SIGNATORY, HAD SOLDIERS STATIONED AT PANMUNJOM, AS HE HAD OBSERVED WHEN VISITING THERE UNDER DPRK AUSPICES.

5. ROK CONSUL GENERAL HAHM HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN ADVOCATING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO MFA. HE TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT HE THOUGHT THAT BEST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED FROM GOP ON KOREAN ISSUE WAS ABSTENTION ON BOTH THE FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS, A STANCE THE PAKS HAD ADOPTED AT THE 29TH UNGA.

6. ROKS HERE ALSO TELL US THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ANY PLANS ON PART MARSHAL KIM II SUNG TO VISIT PAKISTAN ON THE INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, AS MENTIONED AT JULY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE BY DPRK KARACHI, CONSUL GENERAL PAK LI HYON. THEY RECALLED THAT MFA SENIOR OFFICIALS VISITING NORTH KOREA IN APRIL HAD CONVEYED SUCH AN INVITATION TO KIM. THEY THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT KIM MIGHT STOP IN PAKISTAN ENROUTE TO OR FROM COUNTRIES FARTHER WEST AT SOME LATER DATE, BUT DOUBTED THAT ANYTHING DEFINITE WAS YET IN THE WORKS.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ZAMAN RAISED (PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE).

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